

**Supporting The Implementation Of The STRIVE Project, Ulster County Community College Renovation Of Sophie Finn Elementary School**

Referred to: The Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee (Chairman Harris and Legislators Donaldson, Gregorius, Lopez and Wawro) and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Gregorius, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk)

Chairman of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee Wayne Harris and Deputy Chairman David B. Donaldson offer the following:

WHEREAS, Ulster County is moving forward with implementation of the Strategic Taxpayer Relief through Innovative Visions in Education (“STRIVE”) Project; and

WHEREAS, the STRIVE Project has as its cornerstone the relocation of the SUNY Ulster/ Ulster County Community College (“UCCC”) extension center from the Business Resource Center to the former Sophie Finn Elementary School at 94 Mary’s Avenue in the City of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County’s purchase, as the local sponsor of UCCC, of the former Sophie Finn Elementary School (“Sophie Finn”) in the City of Kingston was negotiated for \$300,000 and subsequently approved through a public referendum by the voters of the Kingston City School District; and

WHEREAS, in order for Sophie Finn to be utilized as a UCCC extension center, certain renovations and improvements must be made (the “Project”), and the County Legislature created Capital Project No. 370 by Resolution No. 261 dated October 16, 2012, and subsequently amended by Resolution No. 178 dated June 18, 2013, for the purpose of authorizing preliminary architectural design and engineering work on the Project; and

WHEREAS, the schematic designs provided by the architect undertaking final design of the Project have resulted in revised cost estimates totaling \$7,057,450, which includes Sophie Finn acquisition costs, architectural and engineering expenses, estimated construction expenses, construction management fees, abatement costs, and the ESD grant administrative fee; and

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WHEREAS, the anticipated sources of funding are: \$3,521,225 from SUNY; \$1,500,000 from Empire State Development, \$500,000 from The Dyson Foundation; and the remaining \$1,536,225 obtained through issuing bonds of Ulster County, which UCCC will finance through savings in lease costs for the Business Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Ulster County Community College approved the amended Project in the above amount by Resolution No. 13-10-106 on November 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure funding to be provided by SUNY, the Ulster County Legislature is required to indicate its willingness to support the Project as proposed by UCCC; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby supports the implementation of the STRIVE Project – UCCC Renovation of Sophie Finn-- with an anticipated cost of \$7,057,450,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services on \_\_\_\_\_.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on \_\_\_\_\_.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE